IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Andreas BERGMANN Group Art Unit 1641

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FOI: DETERMINATION OF A MIDREGIONAL PROADRENOMEDULLIN PARTIAL PEPTIDE IN BIOLOGICAL FLUIDS FOR DIAGNOSTIC PURPOSES, AND IMMUNOASSAYS FOR CARRYING OUT SUCH

A DETERMINATION

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE AND RESUBMISSION OF RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliance dated September 30, 2009, and the Office Action mailed March 30, 2009, Applicants submit the following.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this response.

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